



Mississippi Department of Employment Security

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Public Notice of Intent to Award **December 12, 2022**

Internal Auditing and Monitoring Services
MDES RFP 2022-03

On October 7, 2022, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) issued Request for Proposals (RFP) 2022-03 for the procurement of Internal Auditing and Monitoring Services. In accordance with Executive Order 1362 (July 31, 2015) and the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008, this notice is being published to notify the public that as a result of this solicitation, MDES has selected the following vendor to provide Internal Auditing and Monitoring Services:

Vendor Name	Hourly Rate
Trace Advisory Group	\$135.00

The following list is the official ranking of all vendors who submitted a proposal in response to this solicitation. This ranking is based on the results of an impartial evaluation process using the scoring methodology stated in the RFP:

Harper, Rains, and Knight
Carr, Riggs, and Ingram
Forvis/BKD

The following vendor was determined to be unacceptable and has been notified separately of the reason(s):

Weaver Firm

The purpose of this procurement is to establish a contract with a vendor to provide Internal Auditing and Monitoring Services. Among other various responsibilities found in the scope of work, the Contractor will conduct financial, compliance, electronic data processing, and operational and efficiency audits and monitoring of university,

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community/junior college or agency programs, activities and functions and prepare audit and monitoring reports of findings. Additionally, the Contractor will review and evaluate internal controls over agency programs, accounting systems, administrative systems, electronic data processing systems, and all other major systems necessary to ensure accountability.

The term of the Internal Auditing and Monitoring Contract will be one (1) year with an option to renew for four (4) additional twelve (12) month periods. If granted, the contract extension shall be under the same prices, terms, and conditions as the original contract. The anticipated contract start date is January 1, 2023, with a projected budget of \$300,000.

Based on the evaluation of the submitted proposals, MDES announces the intent to award a contract whose proposal meets the requirements set forth in MDES RFP 2022-03 to:

Trace Advisory Group

MDES would like to express its appreciation to all participating vendors.

Upon final contract negotiations and execution, this contract will be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief Procurement Officer at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security State Headquarters located at 1235 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, MS.